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Louisiana Ethics Administration Program 617 North Third Street LaSalle Building, Suite 10-36 Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Request for Ethics Board Opinion

Subject: Former Chief of Police Bidding Issue

Dear Sir/Madam:

As attorney for the Town of Grand Isle, which was incorporated under the Lawrasson Act, I am asking for an opinion on an ethics issue.

The Town of Grand Isle has an elected Police Chief, an office to which Laine Landry was elected in March of 2016. After serving for his first term he ran for re-election but was not re-elected. The next Chief was sworn in on August 25, 2020.

Laine Landry owns a construction company and would like know if it is acceptable to bid on work for the Town of Grand Isle and to perform such work. As the Chief of Police he was in charge of his own budget and not the budget of the Town. Is he prohibited by the code of ethics from bidding on any construction jobs that the Town would put out for bid or is he permitted to bid on jobs for the Town that do not involve the police department? Also, if it is determined that Laine Landry is ineligible to bid on and perform construction work for the town, at what time and date in the future would he be able to do so?

Please note that I have not found any opinion where this specific question was answered.

Thank you and awaiting your reply,

Harry L. "Chip" Cahill
City Attorney

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